

As Westminster's newest City Councilmember, Sergio Contreras works every day to protect the services Westminster residents hold dear: public safety, fiscal accountability and a strong education for our students.

Early in life, as a volunteer tutor at Orange County Juvenile Hall, Sergio helped teach reading and math skills to some of Orange County's most troubled youth. This experience opened his eyes to the power a strong education has to ensure future success. From that moment, Sergio dedicated his career to promoting education as a means to advance the safety and economic prosperity of the community.

While acting as Westminster School Board Trustee from 2004 to 2011 and School Board President in 2012, Sergio expanded after school programs to keep kids off the streets and worked to provide extended-day learning opportunities to help students with English and math. He also increased access to music and arts programs and computers district-wide. By establishing an all-day Kindergarten system, Contreras solidified Westminster School District as the first in Orange County to provide day-long Kindergarten at all school sites. He is also responsible for extending learning time for First through Third Grade classrooms and modernizing schools to create safe and secure learning environments for community youth.

In his day job, Sergio works to lift up the Orange County community as the Senior Manager of Education for the Orange County United Way. With his guidance, the United Way helps disperse funds and resources toward improving learning opportunities for disadvantaged students. Prior to his time with the United Way, Sergio worked as District Director of California's 56th Assembly District in the California State Legislature. While in that role, Sergio directly contributed to the successful governing and stable functioning of our community and our state.

Sergio also serves Westminster by volunteering his time and energy to various committees and charitable organizations. He is the founder of the non-profit MindReady Foundation, which works to give students the tools necessary to receive a quality education. He is also a current member of the Westminster Kiwanis Club, past president of KinderCaminata Inc., former member of Westminster's Community Advisory Group, former Westminster Cultural Arts Commissioner, former member of Westminster's Advisory Committee for the Disabled, and former Westminster Planning Commissioner.

By sitting on the Board of Trustees for the Orange County Vector Control District, Sergio protects public health countywide, and in his roles as a former Commissioner to the Chief of Police in Westminster and member of the Orange County District Attorney's Advisory Commission, Sergio works further to protect Westminster residents' safety.

Sergio Contreras was raised and educated in Westminster. He attended Webber Elementary, Warner Middle School, and graduated from Westminster High School. With his family's support and encouragement, Sergio earned his Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and Master's degree in Public Policy & Administration from California State University, Long Beach.

He lives in Westminster with his wife, Adriana, and their daughter and son.